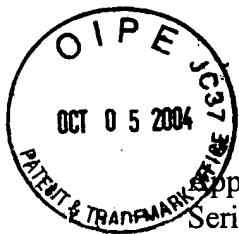


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action of April 7, 2004, applicants request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the restriction requirement, as indicated below.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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